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FOR AMB AND MRS. ATHERTON FROM SAUNDERS

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR AMBASSADOR ATHERTON

FOLLOWING MESSAGE SHOULD BE DELIVERED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
HOWEVER, IF THE ATHERTONS HAVE ALREADY RETIRED THIS
EVENING (AUG. 12), MESSAGE SHOULD BE DELIVERED FIRST
THING TOMORROW BEFORE THEY DEPART AMMAN.

DEAR BETTY AND ROY,

I AM VERY SAD THAT YOUR TRIP HAD TO END WITH THE NEWS OF
YOUR FATHER'S DEATH TODAY, BETTY, BUT I KNOW YOUR MOTHER
IS VERY MUCH RELIEVED THAT YOU WILL BE BACK TOMORROW. NO
MATTER HOW FULL THE LIFE, THIS IS A HARD TIME AND I KNOW
TOMORROW WILL BE A VERY LONG DAY FOR YOU WITH COUNTLESS
THOUGHTS AND MEMORIES CROWDING THROUGH YOUR MIND. EVERYONE
HERE JOINS ME IN SENDING OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY. HAL
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